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SUBJECT: COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONSULTATIONS ON UNCITRAL

1. THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE HAS INVITED THE U.S. TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW (UNCITRAL), TO BE HELD ON 12-13 MARCH, 1976, AT THE PARIS OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE. AT THIS MEETING THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE WORK OF THE NINTH SESSION OF UNCITRAL (TO BE HELD IN NEW YORK FROM 12 APRIL TO 7 MAY 1976). COMMENT: THE U.S. HAS BEEN INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE, NOT AN OBSERVER - WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY THE COUNCIL THAT THERE WILL BE NO OBSERVERS AS SUCH AT THE MEETING. NONETHELESS, THE MAXIMUM (AND PROBABLY OVERLY AMBITIOUS) AIM OF THE MEETING IS TO IDENTIFY A COMMON EUROPEAN POSITION WHICH THE EUROPEAN STATES REPRESENTED ON UNCITRAL CAN PRESENT AT THE NINTH SESSION. END COMMENT.

2. MR. JOEL SPIRO, THEN AN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER AT THE EMBASSY IN PARIS, ATTENDED MEETINGS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE IN 1972 AND 1973. THE COUNCIL INFORMS US THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE DID NOT MEET IN 1974 AND 1975.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE US WHETHER A U.S. REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE DESIGNATED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING AND, IF SO, WHO. (THE COUNCIL HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE U.S. DELEGATE TO UNCITRAL BE APPOINTED AS THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE).

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4. THE COUNCIL'S LETTER OF INVITATION TO THE SECRETARY OF  
STATE AND THE DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE MARCH MEETING OF THE  
AD HOC COMMITTEE WILL BE AIR POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT.  
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